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JACOBITES CATECHISM,

That is to say,

An INSTRUCTION to be learned of
every Person who either desires, or ex-
pects to be confirmed by the Late Bishop
of ELY.

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YOU may see by the enclosed that the Jacobite Catechism hath lost nothing by the Obstruction it met with; the Author had no design to Burlesque the Church Catechism, nor to reflect upon the Creed, Lords Prayer, or Sacraments, for those are all Sacred things, but he was willing it should look something like a Catechism: He hath now omitted their Creed and their Prayer, till he better understands what they believe and when they Pray. Their Sacraments also are left out, because some of them have paid dear for drinking Healths to K. James the last Affizes.

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I am King Williams Loyal Subject.
Wotton, 29. August, 1691. and your Real Friend

Philirenes Junior.

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THE JACOBITES CATECHISM.

Quest. **W** *Has it your Name?*
Ans. JACOBITE.

Quest. *Who gave you that name?*

Ans. The WILLIAMITES of this Nation in the day when I declared my self a favourer of Popery, and promoter of Arbitrary Government.

Quest. *Did they promise anything further for you to make you keep up your Name;*

Ans. Yes.

Quest. *Pray tell me what it was;*

Ans. They did promise three things.

1. That as my Forefathers had done so, I should follow their steps, in siding with French Dragoons, and Irish Cut-throats, against my native Countrey.

2. That I should renounce the English Laws, and Liberties of the Subject;

3. That I should come very short of that Love I bear to the Reformed Religion, and my Protestant Brethren.

Quest. *Dost thou think thou art any wayes obliged to do what they promised in thy Name;*

Ans. Yes verily, and by Romes help so I will, and I heartily thank our Earthly Father Lewis Le Grand, that he has taken us into his protection, and I question not but he will be as kind to us as he has been to the Hugonots of his own Countrey.

Quest. *But your Principles of Government both in Church and State, are not the same which he has taught them there;*

Ans. Indeed we are not yet so absolutely refined in neither as 'tis there, but we have endeavoured to instil them into the People of our Nation for above these 30. Years.

Quest. *What principles have you taught them concerning the State?*

Ans. We have taught them, that as there is but one God in Heaven, so there ought to be but one Government one Earth

Earth, and that *Monarchical both in Church and State*; for as 'tis said, *by the Kings Reign*, so in the Church Bishops ought to govern, and those two are so twisted one in the other, that as 'tis our *Maxime*, *No Bishop, no King*, so they who are Enemies to *Monarchy and Episcopacy*, are Enemies to all Government both in the Church and State. for as there can be no State without *Kings*, so there can be no Church without *Bishops*; and therefore I blame the *New Willamite Church of England*, for composing a Form of Prayer for all the Reformed Churches, seeing we ne're own'd them for true Churches, tho' we own the Church of *Rome* for a true Church.

Quest. *What do these Principles lead you to follow;*

Ans. They lead us to follow and acknowledge Three Things..

1. That our gracious Monarch *K. James* is our only King *de Jure*.

2. That his suppos'd Son the *Welch Prince* will in due time redeem us, and all of our Loyal Principles, from our present Bondage, to a Prince of the Reformed Religion.

3. That none are truly Loyal who are not of our *Club and Societies*.

Quest. *Is there no Laws or Rule that you are to obey for your better direction, in practising what you shall learn;*

Ans. Yes there are two particular Orders which we should Obey.

Quest. *Which be they;*

Ans. 1. Render to *Caesar* the things which are *Caesars*. And 2 unto God the things which are Gods.

What do they chiefly teach you;

Ans. Two things.

Quest. *Which be they;*

Ans. 1. We are taught what we are to render to our King. 2. What we owe towards God.

Quest. *What is it you are to render to your King;*

Ans. We are to own him for a *Caesar*, and that he may govern *Despotically*, and is not tyed up to the Laws of the Land to which he has sworn, but that he may impose Taxes, &c. without consent of *Parliaments*, and the People are bound in Conscience on pain of *Eternal Damnation* to obey; for we are not to enquire our Duty to our King out of the known Laws of the Land, but from the Holy Scriptures, as they are

expounded by these Ancient Fathers of the Church, *Sibthorp* and *Marinarius*, &c. that gape after Court preferment, who would fain Enslave the Subject to advance themselves.

Quest. *What have you been taught that you owe to God;*

Ans. To render to God the things that are Gods, as are the Ceremonies of our Church, which are in a manner as holy as the Censors of Old, and we are not to part with the least of them; to gratify our weak Brethren, who are so Sacrilegious, as to endeavour to Rob the Church of the *White Robe*, the *Wife of the Wedding Ring*, the *Infant of the Invisible Bag of Christianity*, which he wears in his Forehead, and the devout Christian of his genuflection at the high Altar.

Quest. My good Child, know that thou art not able to do all this of thy self without calling in Forraign Aid and Assistance; Therefore let me hear what Endeavours thou wilt use to thy power for effecting it;

Ans. 1. I will endeavour it three ways.

1. I will (as we have from the beginning of the Reformation) labour to foment the differences amongst all Protestants whatsoever, that I may once more blow those Coals to a Flame, as may consume them and their Church to Ashes, so as we may once again come to practise those things which I have now learned.

2. I will endeavour to keep the wounds of the Church open and Bleeding, and excite the most *Furions of both parties*, and villifie moderate Men, and Men of healing Spirits, to make them be looked on as *Luke-warm Laodiceans*, and only fit to be spewed out of the mouths of both Parties, whilst we cry aha! so we wou'd have it.

3. I will as often as I can possible, keep up a correspondence with *Papists* and the *French Court*, as we have hitherto done, by inviting the *French last year*, and by our continual advertising them of the *State of the Kingdom*, and what *Ships* are going out or coming in, that the immortal *Lewis* may be in the better Capacity to help us: for at present our Cause is so sunk, and that within these six months, I have seen the melting down of five of our *Golden-Candlesticks*, for the support of the Cause.

Quest. Is there no other Rule that you are to practise;

Ans. Yes, but it has been exploded these thirty years.

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Quest. *What is it;*

Ans. Thou shalt love thy Neighbour as thy self, or do as thou wouldest be done unto.

Quest. *Have you any distinguishing Mark whereby you may know who are of the same Profession with you.*

Ans. Yes Two, as absolutely necessary to distinguish the Members of our Society,

Quest. *What are they;*

Ans. 1. A Health to our old Master King James: And 2dly. Another to our young Master the Welch Prince, who has all our good Wisher.

Quest. *Why do you so often drink healths to K. James:*

Ans. Because as Mahomet, said, there is a Devil in every Berry of the Grape, and when the Devil is got in, we are beholding to them that by a good Fine will conjure him out again.

Quest. *What mean you by the word Health.*

Ans. I mean an outward Appearance of our inward and hearty Affection to K. James, the Welch Prince, and the Popish Interest,

Quest. *What is required of them who enter into these Societies:*

Ans. To examine themselves what Devil prompted them to invite in the Prince of Orange contrary to their Doctrine of Non-Resistance and Passive Obedience, and whether they do heartily and unfeignedly repent of that thing, and steadfastly purpose to continue their Loyalty to King James for the time to come, and if God should restore their old Master again, whether they would not soon grow weary of him, and Father Peters, and whether they are in Charity with all Men, especially with the Prince of Orange, who came in at their Invitation, but would not be prevailed on to go out again at their Intreaty, being loath to leave them in a worse condition then he found them.

Qu. *But are you not guilty of great ingratitude to the Prince of Orange, that ventured all he had to save you from Ruine.*

Ans. He did'nt save us only, but Protestant Dissenters as well as we, and is kinder to them than we do desire,

Quest. *But must your Eye be evil because his is good.*

Ans. The truth is, we would have all the water run in to our MILL.

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Quest. What reason can you Jacobites give that you had rather be Papists than Presbyterians

Ans. Because we can have more Elbow-room amongst the Papists than amongst those straight lac'd Disciplinarians.

Quest. What think you of some of the Fathers of the Church of the Highest Rank, that are for Peace and Agreement with others, since 'tis only in small matters that we differ.

Ans. We snarl, and Burlesque, and affront them, because we think them Luke-warm in our Religion. For should we give the Dissenters an Inch, they would take an Ell, nothing will satisfy them but the ruine of the Church, as it is Established by Law.

Quest. Suppose they were tryed, and somewhat less would please them.

Ans. I am never for yielding to that, for our Church is sufficiently Reform'd already to our minds, tho' not to theirs.

Quest. How long may we teach Passive Obedience before the Great Men of the Kingdom will believe what we say,

Ans. Till Doomsday. For they will give the Parson the hearing, who to get preferment will Preach up that Doctrine but are very unwilling to be brought to Practice it.

Quest. What made you no more concern'd for the loss of those brave Patriots of your Countrey, Essex, Russell, &c. who lost their Lives in defence of their Country and its Liberties:

Ans. By reason we thought them not enough bigotted to our wayes, tho' they were for the Church of England, yet they were too moderate for to keep our Friendship long.

Quest. What must the poor Protestants in Ireland think of you, who were so near Ruine by the means of your slow proceeding here.

Ans. They know e're this what one of our Party said of them. Hang them they are a Pack of Phanaticks, and especially Northward Scotch Presbyterians

Quest. What Opinion will the States of Holland and the Protestant princes of Germany, have of you for your carriage to a Prince that they esteemed with Men and Money to come to our Relief.

Ans. They may think if they had not been in danger themselves, by the growing greatneness of the French King it had been no matter if we had perished.

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Quest. What shall the Emperor of Germany think of you that you who pretend to be Protestants should have any kindness for King Lewis, that would raze out the Northern Hemisphere both at Home and Abroad.

Ans. He may easily see that we are only Protestants by the custome of our Countrey where we live, and that our Religion (for all our pretences) is to chuse, and say as one of his predecessors once did, that the King of England is a King of Devils.

Quest. Why since you have so great a kindness for King Lewis, will he not allow the English Fugitives a Chappel in your old Masters palace, for the Exercise of their little Religion they carried over with them.

Ans. He is loath that any Heresie should be preached in Catholick ground, and as for the Doctrine of Non-Resistance and Passive Obedience, his People have been taught that sufficiently by the Common Hangman, so that there is no need of our Preaching it up there.

Quest. But are you not Ashamed that you should be Papists Tools so long as you were in the former Reign.

Ans. We did not think K. J. would have laid us aside so soon as he did, but he repented of it afterwards, and if he had continued, we should have been his white Boyes and more.

Quest. But will not the English and French Papists laugh at you, to see you willing to be fooled by them a second time, that have been cheated by them once already.

Ans. We ha'nt time to think of that, we are so mad, that we are got under the yoke of Princes, that are Enemies to Looseness and Debauchery (and as we Jacobites shall smell too much of Puritanism).

Quest. Since you are so much for the Papist and the French Interest, what would you do if the French King should at last reject and slight you as he did K. C. and your Old Masters.

Ans. Then we will march for the Holy Land, for our Master is to succeed Galfrey King of Jerusalem, as soon as the French Monarch has Conquered Asia, and to be Crowned with Thorns in that Holy City as Galfrey was formerly.

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